Fencing at Indo-Bangladesh Border

†3642. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up fencing along Indo-Bangladesh Border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh is opposing the proposal of fencing along the border;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of efforts made to bring around Bangladesh in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has sanctioned construction of 3286 Km. of fence along Indo-Bangladesh Border. Out of this 1928 Kms. has been completed till 31st March, 2005.

(c) to (e) No Sir. The Bangladesh is objecting only to the construction of fence within 150 yards from the international border on the plea that the Joint India Bangladesh Guidelines for Border Authorities-1975 prohibit the construction of defensive structure within 150 yards of international border. This matter has been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh through diplomatic channels as well as various levels.

Duping of persons by luring them to send abroad

†3643. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the incidents relating to duping of persons by luring to send them aborad have increased on a large scale in the past few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan to take action against the persons duping the people in such a manner; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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